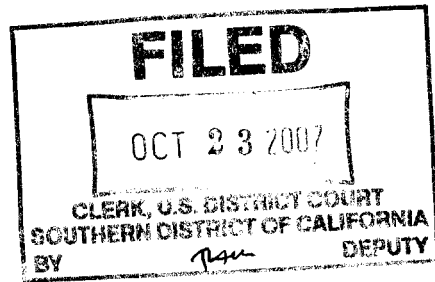


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

'07 MJ 8866

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

Carlos Guadalupe RIVERA-Blanco
Defendant.

Magistrate Case No.:

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF

21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960

Importation of a Controlled Substance
(Felony)

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

On or about October 22, 2007, within the Southern District of California, defendant Carlos Guadalupe RIVERA-Blanco did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 13.52 kilograms (29.74 pounds) of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.



Douglas A. Struckmeyer
Special Agent
U.S. Immigration & Customs
Enforcement

SWORN TO, BEFORE ME, AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE THIS 23rd
DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007.



Peter C. Lewis
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
2 v.
3 Carlos Guadalupe RIVERA-Blanco

4 STATEMENT OF FACTS

5 This complaint is based upon the personal observations, investigation and
6 information provided to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent
7 Douglas Struckmeyer.

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9 On October 22, 2007, Carlos Guadalupe RIVERA-Blanco entered the United
10 States at the Calexico, California West Port of Entry. RIVERA was the driver of a 2000
11 Jeep Grand Cherokee registered in his name. Customs and Border Protection Officer
12 (CBPO) J. Bejarano took a negative Customs declaration from RIVERA. During the
13 primary inspection, CBPO Bejarano observed a compartment underneath the floor, in
14 the rocker panels of the Jeep. CBPO Bejarano escorted the vehicle and its occupants
15 to the secondary inspection area for further inspection.
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18 CBP Canine Enforcement Officer (CEO) K. Taylor had his Narcotic Detector Dog
19 (NDD) screen the Jeep. The NDD alerted to the odor of controlled substances in the
20 driver's side rocker panel of the Jeep.

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22 After the positive canine alert, the vehicle was scanned by CBPO M. Hernandez
23 using an x-ray device. CBPO Hernandez also found abnormalities in the rocker panel
24 of the Jeep.

25 The Jeep was turned over to CBPO C. Dorantes for secondary inspection.
26 Upon further inspection, CBPO Dorantes found twelve (12) bundles of white powdered
27 powder hidden within the driver's side and passenger's side rocker panels. A sample of
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1 the powder field-tested positive for cocaine by CBPO Dorantes. CBPO Dorantes
2 arrested RIVERA for importation of a controlled substance. The total weight of the
3 packages was 13.52 kilograms.

4 In the vehicle, Agents also found \$700.00 in U.S. currency. RIVERA claimed
5 ownership of the currency.
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7 RIVERA was arrested by ICE Agents for violations of 21 USC 952 and 960,
8 Importation of Cocaine. RIVERA was booked into the Imperial County Jail, El Centro,
9 California, pending an appearance in U.S. Magistrate Court.
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